

Providence Oct. 21st 1778

Dear Sir,

When I left you at Boston I was in full expectation of going immediately on to the Main-Army: but I find General Greene has been good enough to leave the time of my joining him, wholly to myself; This was quite unexpected and gave me much pleasure, because I could not help thinking it might give me an opportunity to pay my Friend a short visit again at Boston - I was not disappointed in my hopes, ~~for~~ having just returned from ~~visiting~~ Mrs. Greene's, where I was ~~troupled~~ in expectation by her telling me she shou'd shortly go to Boston and Newbury-Port, and wou'd ~~depend~~ depend on me as her Ballast; so that in all probability, you will in the course of three weeks have that noisy dog Blodget again in your House, playing at Blind-mans-buff, or thrumming at the Violin, and perhaps sacrificing poor Daphne on the Spinnit; at either of them I sincerely pity your Ears. I left you and your good Family with no small regret, having nothing in my power to convince you of my gratitude, but a dejected countenance, which, I believe was sufficiently visable at parting in my Face. Yet however trivial that may be, ^{all} was I could possibly announce at that Time, But Believe me, Sir, I feel the warmest sense of your Favour toward me, and shall with peculiar pleasure meet an opportunity, which may make you the simplest returns. I shall at all times think myself honour'd by paying attention to

to any of your Friends passing this way, or who
may be at Camp, and as far as my floor abilitie
will admit, they shall be devoted to the service of
my Friend Fushing.

A Letter from Gen Washington
to Gen Sullivan, arriv'd yesterday morning wherein
the former says he is fully convinced the Enemy will
in a very short time wholly abandon New York
and go for the West-Indies. This is acceptable news
to us and doubtless is receiv'd with equal satisfac-
tion by the good people of your Town.

I wish I had some news worthy your
attention, but at present there appears but little
stirring. The Enemy remain peaceable at Newport
and many have conjectur'd their shortly quitting
the place. Gen Sullivan seems of this opinion.

With all due regards to my convivial Friend
Mr Fushing, and your Sister Polly, Rest assured
I am with sentiments of real Esteem

Your obliged Friend
and Able Serv.^t

William Woodcock

Mr John Fushing just.